Claim Listing

1. (Original) A beverage container comprising a receptacle which has a central axis and is sealed by a lid of resilient material, the receptacle including a neck defining an opening and the lid including a closure plate, integral with which is a depending skirt extending around the outer surface of the neck, the inner surface of the skirt carrying a continuous annular flange, which is in sealing engagement with the underside of a continuous downwardly directed annular shoulder on the outer surface of the neck and thus prevents movement of the lid in the axial direction away from the receptacle, characterised in that the annular flange on the lid is connected thereto by a resilient hinge connection, that the annular flange is elongate in axial sectional view, that the end surface of the free end of the flange is in sealing engagement with the underside of the shoulder and that the resilience of the resilient hinge connection urges the side surface of the free end of the annular flange into sealing engagement with the external surface of the neck.

2. (Original) A container as claimed in Claim 1 in which the closure plate is connected to the annular skirt by an annular web, the underside of which extends over the upper surface of the neck and is retained in sealing engagement with it.

3. (Original) A container as claimed in Claim 1 in which the resilient connection is readily tearable.

4. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ <u>Claim 1</u> in which the lid is snap-fitted on the receptacle.

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5. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ Claim 4 including a rupture tab connected to the annular web, rotation of which causes the seal of the container to be broken and the snap-fit connection to be released.

6. (Original) A container as claimed in Claim 2 in which the closure plate is downwardly concave and thus extends into the neck and includes a base portion, integral with which is an upwardly extending wall portion, which is connected to the annular web.

7. (Original) A container as claimed in Claim 6 in which the inner surface of the neck affords a first annular sealing surface and the outer surface of the wall portion of the closure plate affords a second sealing surface which is opposed to and in sealing engagement with the first sealing surface.

8. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in ~~Claim 6 or 7~~ Claim 6 in which the base portion of the closure plate is downwardly concave.

9. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in ~~Claim 7 or 8~~ Claim 7 in which the first sealing surface is inclined upwardly and outwardly with respect to the axis.

10. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in ~~Claim 7 or 8~~ Claim 7 in which one of the first and second sealing surfaces carries an annular protuberance which is accommodated within an annular recess in the other of the first and second sealing surfaces.

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11. (Original) A container as claimed in Claim 2 in which an annular flange is integral with the underside of the annular web and is deflected laterally by contact with the side surface of the neck of the bottle, with which it forms a further seal.

12. (New) A container as claimed in Claim 2 in which the lid is snap-fitted on the receptacle, the closure plate is downwardly concave and thus extends into the neck and includes a base portion, integral with which is an upwardly extending wall portion which is connected to the annular web, and including a rupture tab connected to the annular web, rotation of which causes the seal of the container to be broken and the snap-fit connection to be released.

13. (New) A container as claimed in Claim 12 in which one of the first and second sealing surfaces carries an annular protuberance which is accommodated within an annular recess in the other of the first and second sealing surfaces, and in which an annular flange is integral with the underside of the annular web and is deflected laterally by contact with the side surface of the neck of the bottle, with which it forms a further seal.